GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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ALLOCATION OF BUDGET IN EDUCATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the butlget allocated for education sector during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government is considering to touch average international budget for education sector;

(c) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the remedial action taken by the Government to provide admissions for the poor students in different private institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Government has accorded due priority to the education sector. An increasing allocation has been provided for the Department of Higher Education and. Department of School Education and Literacy during last three years and in the: current year, as per the details hereunder.

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crore)
2004-05	8225.00
2005-06	15243.76
2006-07	20745.50
2007-08	28674.00

(b)&(c): As per the Xlth Plan Approach Paper, the endeavor of the government is to raise the public Expenditure on Education to at least 6% of the Gross Domestic Product, by the end of Xlth Five Year Plan.

(d): Education is primarily a State subject. At elementary level,the endeavor of the government is to provide free and compulsory Education to All. Banks have been given directions to give educational loans in an endeavor to ensure that nobody is deprived of education because he or she is poor.